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I wrote not what record of sin reads me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was as mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.
—John A. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Besides the telegraphic service of the American Press Association, the TRANSCRIPT receives regularly the general dispatches of the Western Union, giving the general news of the country and the world, and the special dispatches of the NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATED PRESS, the oldest and best news gathering agency in New England, up to date to press, and

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NEW YEAR'S.

Tomorrow we will write it 1896, a new year will have begun, and an old year will have gone.

This division of time into years that we name with different figures is hardly more than a human invention for the sake of convenience. Tomorrow morning's time will be nothing different from this morning. The last days of the dying year are not languid nor feeble. As much can be done on the last day of 1895 as can be accomplished on the first day of 1896. One day in the long procession of time is not different from another.

Yet there is a sentiment that attaches to the first day of a new year, and it is well that there is. It is a good thing to have beginning places and leaving-off places scattered along life's years, places where the old can be dropped and the new taken up. It is well that there is a new year's day for which many are waiting to do something better, even though the better conduct may soon fall with human weakness.

So tomorrow is a time to reflect on the past and resolve for the future. It is the first of 365 white pages upon which, if life is spared, we must all write some record. It is not strange that we hope for this year volume opened tomorrow clean pages and no blots. There would be little hope of betterment for any of us, if we look back through the now closed year-volumes of our past, we did not look for better pages in each new year book.

And so tomorrow will be a day different from the rest of the days of the year. It will be a day for good resolutions. It will be a day to stop and find how our account stands with the great world, to consider if we are progressing or retrograding. The poet Longfellow sings the midnight mass for the dying year in these words:

Yes, the year is growing old,
And his eye is pale and bleared;
Death with frosty hand and cold,
Plucks the old raven by the beard.

These lines express farewell thoughts to the old year. But kindly memory for the good the dying year has brought us is all we can afford to give to what is now past. Let us bid one another a happy new year and join in the sentiment expressed by Lord Byron:

Ring out, old bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the fire light
The year's adieu to the night;
Ring out, old bells, and let him die,
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year's going, let him go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

The largest contract of its kind ever made in this or probably any other country has just been entered into with a commission house of East Buffalo, who have engaged to supply four of the largest omnibuses and cab companies in London with 6000 horses, to be shipped during the year 1896. This and other contracts entered into abroad by the East Buffalo firm represent purchases aggregating over \$1,000,000. The first shipment will be made next week.

Senator Lodge didn't froth at the mouth or have a fit yesterday in his speech on the Monroe doctrine. He calmly showed England to be a relentless land-grabber, declared that the Monroe doctrine applied to the Venezuelan issue and that it must be maintained, and did not preach any war. The Mugwump press is terribly disappointed because of Senator Lodge's temperate utterances.

Mayor Wilson of Albany whose term of office expires tonight at 12 o'clock has indeed been a "reform" mayor. His closing of places of vice in his city has made him extremely unpopular with the thugs and "sports," but he put a stop to gambling and degrading vice for which Albany has long been famous.

One resolution every man, woman and child should make right now: "I do solemnly covenant with myself not to crack any more jokes in the coming year about the new woman, about the bicycle, about the mother-in-law or about the bachelor in leap year."

Bustles are coming in style again. What won't woman do to look like anything but what she really is? If big sleeves continue in style, the fashionable woman will have bustles to right of her, bustles to left of her, bustles behind her.

Think of Washington street at Boston jammed with all the extra traffic of Tremont street. That is the condition of things while the sub-way building has closed up the latter thoroughfare.

Really, the most sensible way to welcome the new year tonight is not to welcome it at all, but to be fast asleep. If you are not asleep when the clock strikes twelve you certainly won't begin the year right.

London investors lost millions by their own action in creating a panic in American stocks. Berlin investors believed in America and made millions.

It is now almost certain that the Kentucky legislature will elect a Republican senator. Where will the surprises of the November election end?

Vast quantities of raw wool are being bought. It is said, by New England manufacturers. This is in anticipation of the proposed tariff on wool.

Let us make one New Year's resolution: to have the best city government in Massachusetts and support that city government locally.

The selectmen are hurrying up their closing business with the town of North Adams. Their annual report is partly made.

President Cleveland may call for \$200,000,000 in gold in his next bond issue. He wants enough this time.

Governor McKinley says that the Dingee revenue bill will do till something better can be passed.

It is leap year tomorrow, and what won't the new woman do?

Years may come and years may go but time goes on forever.

Don't make a resolution unless you mean to keep it.

It will be President Lawrence tomorrow.

Happy New Year!

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

THE NEW YEAR.

The Old Year's gait and grin and gray, His reign will soon be over,
For dreary moans the world today Where bloomed the crimson clover.

To some he came with laughter light,
To some he carried sorrow,
But one by one his moments fly;
The New Year comes tomorrow.

The New Year, blithe and gay and bold
With promise sweet is coming,
Bringing the dreamy summer days
And sound of bees' low humming.

He brings the winter's wealth of snow,
The springtime's tender glory,
And autumn's beauty rich and rare,
The old earth's changing story.

But whether joy shall be our lot,
Or heart-strings torn asunder,
O New Year, coming swiftly now
We vainly ask and wonder.

We look ahead and cannot see,
Yet have no need for guessing,
Our father holds us in his care
With tenderest caressing.

We thank him for the lessons learned
Through sunshine or through sorrow,
And clasping close his kindly hand
Look forward to the morrow.

And so we greet you New Year fair,
With faith to deep for sadness,
And trust our Father's patient love
To crown you with his gladness.

—Angelina Wray.

A ROUNDUP OF YEARS.

Another year is dying,
Deck his bier,
While hither comes fast flying
Another year.

What aspect does he wear?
Loves he sighing,
Or holds he mirth more dear?
'Tis a vain thing trying
To see him clear,
Must wait—there's no denying—
Another year!

—Dora Cave.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Donations to the Hospital During the Month of December.

The Saturday basket for the hospital was filled by the following during the month of December: December 7, Mrs. C. E. Whitney, roast of beef, squash, 3 pumpkins, turnips, potatoes, 2 cans of tomatoes, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of clam juice, 2 cans of applesauce, 2 boxes of gelatine.

December 14, Mrs. William Martin and Mrs. C. H. Ingalls, roast of beef, 2 chickens, 2 packages of peas, cranberries, turnips, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of tomatoes, rice, 2 apples, 2 dozen lemons, 2 baskets of grapes.

December 21, Mrs. William Armstrong, roast of lamb, smoked shoulder, onions, potatoes, 3 cans of beans, 3 cans of corn, bottle of pickles.
Other donations were as follows: Mrs. F. P. Pearson, milk, Mrs. S. W. Brayton, 2 jars of pickles, Edwin Rogers, old linen; Mrs. William Martin, wrapper and old linen; Busy Bees society, very fine ironvald's rolling chair; William Armstrong, magazines; Miss Louise Gallup, old linen; Miss Kate Flynn, Youth's companions; Mrs. Pearson, 2 dozen oranges; Mrs. E. J. Cary, 100 lbs of squash, 2 bushels of potatoes, 6 lbs of honey; Mrs. F. E. Swift, flowers, F. E. Swift, nuts and raisins, Mrs. F. N. Ray, dozen oranges; Mrs. Bracewell, box of figs; Mrs. C. H. Williams, white grapes; Mrs. A. W. Hunter, white grapes and jelly; Mrs. G. Cady, oranges, bananas and nuts; Mrs. Charles Read, basket of assorted fruit; Mrs. Charles, jar of jelly; Miss Tyler, holly and flowers; Mrs. C. H. Cutting, holly; Mrs. Brayton, turkey; Mrs. S. B. Dibble, 4 of a ham; C. E. Butler, bill for labor of \$2.40.

FRATERNITY BANQUET.

The Drury Kappa Phi Alpha's Enjoyable Event at the Wilson.

The eleventh annual banquet of the Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity of Drury academy was had last night at the Wilson. The occasion was a most enjoyable one. About thirty of the fraternity were present and six new members were admitted. The following splendid menu was served by Landford Swift:

Green Turtle Soup.	Consomme a la Royal.
Boiled Kennebec Salmon.	French Pot.
Fried Oysters.	Roman Punch.
Celery.	Olives.
Mixed Pickles.	Chow Chow.
Fillet of Beef Larded, with Mushrooms.	French Fried Potatoes.
Lamb Chops Breaded.	French Peas.
Sweetbread Patties.	Macaroni.
Roman Punch.	Mayonnaise of Chicken.
Neapolitan Ice Cream.	Assorted Cakes.
Champagne Jelly.	Macarons.
Fruit.	Salted Almonds.
Coffee.	

Following the banquet there was speaking. Sanford Robinson was toast master. These toasts were responded to by these persons: "The New Year," W. W. Darby; President's address, Clarence W. Reynolds; "The Leap Year Dance," E. S. Wilkinson, Jr.; "Kappa Phi Alpha History," Howard H. Williams; "The Ladies," R. DeLoe Canedy; "Drury," P. M. Goodrich; "The Devil," Arthur Robinson; "The New City," J. M. Darby; "The Initiates," Wallace E. Richmond.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Dec. 16, 1895.
Trains Leave North Adams going East—11:37, 12:18, 7:23, 8:43, 11:44 a. m.; 2:22, 1:40, 6:09 p. m.
Gong West—10:09 a. m.; 12:30, 1:54, 5:00, 11:40, 12:48, 7:40 p. m.
Trains Arrive from East—10:38 a. m.; 12:10, 1:24, 5:00, 12:05, 11:40, 6:29 p. m.
From West—11:37, 12:18, 7:23, 8:43, 11:44, 12:03, 12:40, 7:09 p. m.
Runs Daily, except Monday.
Runs Daily, Sunday included.
Sundays only.

Boston & Albany Railroad.

Trains Leave North Adams, going South—6:20, 9:35 a. m.; 12:15, 3:00, 6:05 p. m.
Trains Arrive from South—8:20 a. m.; 12:05, 2:35, 6:50, 9:10 p. m.

Hoosac Valley Street Railway.

Leave North Adams—6:10, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:45, 11:30 a. m.; 12:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15 p. m.
Leave Adams—5:50, 6:10, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:45, 11:30 a. m.; 12:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15 p. m.
Saturday and Sunday afternoons, leave each at 1:20, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:40, 6:40, 7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:40, 11:40 p. m.
Sunday cars will be run to suit convenience of church attendants.

Stages.

Run Daily, except Sundays.
NORTH ADAMS AND WILLIAMSTOWN.
THOMAS McMAHON, Proprietor.
Leave North Adams, going South—8:30 a. m.; 12:15, 2:40, 6 p. m., and, Saturdays, 8:10 p. m.
Leave Williamstown, going North—11:15 a. m.; 11 a. m.; 1:40 p. m., and, Saturdays, 5 p. m.

NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO.
J. E. FAULNER, Proprietor.
Leave Post Office, North Adams, 1:30 p. m.
Leave Post Office, Readsboro, 8 a. m.

THIS EVENING'S EVENTS.

Watch night service at the Methodist church beginning at 9 o'clock.
The drama, "Captain Jack," by local talent at Father Matthew hall, Blackinton.
Girls' Friendly society social at St. John's parish house.
Club McIntyre social in St. John Baptist hall.
Special program at Baptist church by H. Y. P. U. in honor of the new officers.
Social by the Dry club in its rooms on Holden street.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—J. H. Orr & Co.'s gasoline engine arrived yesterday from Dayton, O. It is to be used in harvesting locs.

—The Baptist Young People's union will appoint committees this evening for the year's work. A large attendance is requested.

—A great deal of rain fell during the night. The north branch of the Hoosac was higher this morning than it had been before for a long time.

—The ladies of the Baptist church will serve their annual turkey dinner in the Eagle street rooms of the church tomorrow from 12 o'clock to 2 o'clock p. m.

—New plate glass was placed yesterday in the show window of C. H. Cutting & Co., which was partly shattered by a stone and finished by the wind gale of Friday morning.

—P. A. Flanders of Bradford street has purchased the milk route of Frank Hosford of Greylock. Mr. Hosford has given up the care of C. H. Berry's farm in order to devote his entire attention to his restaurant.

—A dangerous place is reported near the sidewalk on East Brooklyn street, where a culvert is broken in, or something of that kind. People living in that street say the matter should be attended to at once to avoid liability for damages.

—J. C. Haskins has lately been hauling some extra large telegraph poles from Adams. They were collected by him and very heavy. Mr. Haskins hauls telegraph poles, each pole making a load for a team. Some of the poles are to be used in Pittsfield.

—The installation of the recently elected officers of Lafayette lodge, F. and A. M., occurred last night and passed off very pleasantly. Past Master A. A. Willis was installing officer. After the ceremonies a banquet was served by Caterer McNeill and dancing followed.

—The Fitchburg railroad has made a reduction of fare between here and Williamstown in order to compete with the electric road. The new rate, which goes into effect January 1, is five cents to Greylock and Blackinton and ten cents to Williamstown.

—Real Estate Agent A. S. Alford has sold \$107,000 worth of property during the present year. This is a good record for a single agency and shows something of the activity of the real estate business in North Adams. It is believed that if business in general is good the real estate transactions of 1896 will surpass those of any previous year in the history of the town.

—J. M. Blanchard, who has conducted a dyeing establishment in the rear of F. E. Gurney's stationery store on Main street has moved to 28 Eagle street and it is probable that Mr. Gurney will occupy the whole of the store. There has been a dye house for years in the place just vacated by Mr. Blanchard.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. Carlton P. Mills, of the Church of the Ascension, Boston, has accepted a call from St. Chrysostom's church in Wollaston.

David Abrams of the Union Clothing company left town yesterday for New York to take a position in the company's wholesale store in that city.

Will Thatcher today returned to the Boston Law school.

Miss Della Bennett and Miss Jennie Scriven, who spent the holidays in town, returned yesterday to their homes in Johnsonville, N. Y.

Postmaster H. S. Lyons went to Victory Mills, N. Y., yesterday to attend the funeral of his son. He will return tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Worcester came to town Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Jones, which occurred yesterday.

W. C. Ellis left town last night for New York city.

Mrs. C. A. Humphrey, who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Brayton, for several months past, left yesterday for Deland, Fla., where she will be the guest during the winter of Mrs. Thomas Holbrook formerly of this city.

Fred F. Owens left yesterday for New York city to resume his studies in Columbia Medical college.

Senator George P. Lawrence and Representatives George H. Kearn and O. Q. Richmond went to Boston today to be on hand at the opening of the legislature tomorrow.

Somebody's Needless Worry.
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Duke of Somerset wrote to The Post this morning, protesting against Lord Salisbury doing anything to assist the Venezuelan commission, which the duke says ought to be ignored. "If England yields in the slightest to America," he says, "it will be as ruinous to our prestige as when Mr. Gladstone allowed our flag to be trodden upon by the Boers."

In a Pillable Fight.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—There are 60 or 600 deaths daily among the troops around Zaitoun. The cold is intense, and the condition of the army everywhere outside the capital is in the last degree deplorable, their clothing being in rags and their food poor. Their ranks are decimated by disease and by wholesale desertions, owing to the non-receipt of their pay.

Fatal Railway Wreck.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Two passenger trains collided last night near Coal City, 14 miles from Cincinnati. Two men were killed and seven seriously injured. Both engines had totally wrecked, as the engineers had little time to check their speed. A combination car and express car were telescoped.

A Tennessee Episode.
CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 31.—Chief Justice McGraw was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by John R. Beasley, charging him with assault with intent to kill. The warrant was served by a country constable, and was taken out at Sherman Heights, five miles in the country, and was kept very quiet.

Holmes' Lawyer Indicted.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The grand jury has found a true indictment against William A. Shoemaker, one of the attorneys for H. H. Holmes. The bill charges Shoemaker with attempted subornation of perjury in connection with the unsuccessful effort to secure a new trial for Holmes.

Early Settlement Looked For.
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The lockout of coat makers continues, but the arrangements made by the Brotherhood of Tailors to open two large co-operative shops, and the support promised by wholesale manufacturers, are likely to force the contractors' association to an early settlement.

Snow Out West.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Dispatches from southern Illinois mention the heaviest snowstorm in several years in that section. At Lebanon, Mo., two feet have fallen, blocking railroads and impeding all kinds of traffic. The storm has also prevailed in some parts of Missouri.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Burlingame & Darby, Druggists.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Burlingame and Darby.

TOWN TALK.

Evening Classes.

A few facts in regard to the evening class at the Bliss Business college.

How shall I use my time to the best advantage? In what way can I best employ the spare hours I get from my work. Can I continue in my present position through life? Is my position a permanent one? Is my occupation such that I may reasonably expect growth and advancement, or am I confined to a regular routine work from which I have not the skill and fitness to rise? These are questions that confront all thoughtful young people and to which each must give a personal solution. The vast majority of young men and young women today find they must make their own way in the world. We accept as we are obliged to do the first course that opens. There is a great tendency when once occupied to become in the course of time indifferent to our progress and hurried along by an attraction here or an entertainment there allow opportunities for improving our condition constantly to pass by and move along week after week in a sphere which though well enough as a stepping stone is yet one which we naturally outgrow and which with a little effort and forethought we may easily throw off before the garment fits too tightly. The evening classes at the Bliss Business college afford ample opportunity for all ambitious young people not only to acquire a thorough knowledge of practical every day subjects, a knowledge that assists and benefits them through all their after years, but in a great many cases leads to immediate advancement. One young man of last winter's class left a position paying twelve dollars per week for one paying nineteen dollars after spending only three months at the evening class.

Several others from doing ordinary clerical and routine work are now holding responsible positions.

Many of these young people were so situated that they could not possibly have attained the same end had they not the chance to attend such an evening class.

A large proportion also who have been in attendance were those who were seeking such instruction as would enable them the better to conduct their own affairs.

The work in the evening session receives the same careful attention as that of the day and the results of the year and especially of the fall term have been most gratifying.

At the January opening as those who are completing their year's work retire from the class the management of the college extend a special invitation to all young people to join the class of the coming term.

Visitors are always welcome and information cheerfully given.

College reopens Thursday, January 2.

I beg to inform my customers and the public in general that I am doing business in the rear part of my store, 55 Eagle street, and will continue to do so until my business troubles are settled. Any orders with which I may be favored will have my prompt attention, James O'Brien, fashionable tailor.

The Berkshire cafe has been transferred from Center St. to State St. where it will stand every evening from 6 o'clock.

MARRIED.

In this town, Dec. 31, by W. H. Woodhead, J. P. Thomas Elwell and Miss Giffin, both of this town.

In this town, Dec. 31, by Rev. George Flynn, Joseph Francis Deane and Miss Catherine Flynn.

To Advertisers.

New advertisements or changes of advertisements for DAILY TRANSCRIPT must be received not later than 9 o'clock a. m. to insure insertion same day.
For WEEKLY TRANSCRIPT new advertisements or changes must be received not later than 12 o'clock to insure insertion the same week.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

Second girl at the hospital. Inquire at 10 Church St. 30188

TO RENT.

Six-room tenement on Foster St. Inquire of T. W. Richmond, agent, 31 State St. 30187

Eight-room tenement with all modern improvements. Inquire at 11 Martin's block.

Four desirable tenements with all modern improvements \$10 to \$20 per month. Inquire of M. R. Dowlin, 11 Pleasant St.

Photograph gallery. Inquire at Keam's drug store, 39 Eagle St. 16217

FOR SALE.

Shaw cases and chairs for sale cheap. S. Vanner & Bros', shop. 6150

Wood lot in Clarkburg, handy to get at, two miles from North Adams. Inquire at Briggs, 6 Briggs street, off North Eagle St.

LOST.

Sterling silver back hair pin. Finder please return to Ogden's gallery, 4 Holden St. and get reward. 30185

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
BENJAMIN S. BRIGGS, Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of John Magson, late of Adams in said County, deceased: Whereas, Alfred B. Bole, executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Adams in said County, on the ninth day of January, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in North Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Edward T. Stearns, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. FRED B. SHAW, Register.

IN INSOLVENCY.

Notice of Third Meeting.
The third meeting of the creditors of the estate of Charles L. Briggs and Frank T. Briggs, co-partners under the firm name of C. L. Briggs & Co. of North Adams in the County of Berkshire, an insolvent, Debtor, will be held at a Court of Insolvency at Pittsfield in said County on the seventh day of January 1896 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting creditors may appear and file claims and the account of the assignee will then and there be presented and creditors may appear and object to the allowance thereof.

CHARLES L. FRINK, Assignee.

Dated Dec. 30 A. D. 1895.

PRICES.

Regard'less of actual value for the next few days at

On Certain Goods

which he is particularly anxious to move at cost.

Goods less than six weeks old but not rapid sellers after Jan. 1.

Ask

Art, Beauty and Grace wrought in Gold and Silver.

Enameled Solid Silver.

A superb assortment of most artistic designs, richly enameled.

Toilet Articles

The Largest and most attractive display of Solid Silver Toilet Articles for ladies and gentlemen ever shown in North Adams.

Novelties,

Including the newest and most desirable articles for ornament or use.

Colonial Cut Glass, Diamonds.

The finest and largest stock of gems in Western Massachusetts. More than double the quantity and more than three times the value of any other stock in this city. Years of experience and dealings with the best houses in the trade enable me to offer the public the widest choice and the most desirable gems at the fairest prices.

Watches.

Not a poor watch in my new stock. Have them at all prices from the serviceable time-keeper to the richest jeweled, and diamond-laden watch set with diamonds, rubies, etc.

Cut Glass.

Sterling Silverware.

L. M. BARNES

5 Wilson Block.

Baled Shavings

T. W. Richmond & Co.,

31 STATE STREET.

WONDERFUL, BUT TRUE

Mrs. Caleb G. Barnhart, North Petersburg, N. Y., writes: "I have been troubled with granulated eyelids. Had them burned several times and used different remedies for about 2 years. Less than two bottles of

Smith's Eye Water

cured me. It is the best thing I ever used or heard of."

THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK

of North Adams, Mass.

LATE BUYERS

will still find a

Good Assortment of

Watches, Clocks, Opera Glasses, Sterling Silver, Solid Gold Jewelry.

L. W. WHITE,

JEWELER,

.....80 MAIN STREET.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

The Dance Tonight.—Good Government Club.—Baptist Young People Elect Officers.

Temperance Dance Tonight.

The Temperance society's concert and dance tonight will be well attended. The concert program is as follows:

Song—"The Beggar".....

Piano solo—Ave Varium—Porpus.....Mozart

Song—"The Spanish Gypsy".....Watson

Song—"He Was a Prince".....Lyons

Song—"The Flight of Ages".....Lyon

Song—"Thou Art My Own".....

Comic song—"The Band Played On".....

Vocal duet—"Ye Merry Bells".....

Song—"Just for Tonight".....

Good Government Constitution.

The Good Government club has adopted a constitution in which is the following preamble: "We, the undersigned, citizens of Adams, Mass., desiring to form the highest welfare of the town, by banding ourselves together to do our part toward doing away with all that is unfair or unjust in local politics, aiming to form a constitution to which we can all be loyal, without more conditions than are always imposed on men of honor, true spirit and conduct, irrespective of party, to ordain and establish the following constitution and by-laws." The club has quarters in W. D. Carpenter's building on Myrtle street, over John J. Waldron's store and its board of government is as follows: President, James R. Pickett; vice president, Charles H. Tower; treasurer, C. F. Wheeler; secretary, G. A. Harrington; guard, B. B. Knapp; marshal, A. L. Loomis.

Have Done by January 1st.

L. A. Weston has nine men at work laying the steam and hydraulic sprinkler pipes at the new Berkshire mill and they are progressing very rapidly. Mr. Weston intends to have one half of the immense plant fitted with the steam pipes by Thursday.

Pleasant Private Dance.

A very pleasant private dance was held by a number of young people at Temperance hall in Bank block, Monday evening, under the management of Frank A. Richmond, Frank Williams and Arthur C. Simmons. There were many of the college young men and women in attendance. Palmer's orchestra furnished music and a very pleasant time was had by the sixty young people present until 12 o'clock.

New Officers Elected.

The Baptist Young People's union elected these new officers Sunday: President, George E. Simmons; vice-president, Miss Lucy Richmond; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Linnie Green; recording secretary, Miss Sarah Phillips; treasurer, Aaron Turner.

A. L. DeBarthe furnished bonds for George Cox, who was arrested Sunday on a charge of indecent exposure.

Messrs. W. B. and C. T. Plunkett made their annual distribution of books to the Congregational church Sunday, disposing of all volumes.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held Thursday night. John Rice has severed his connection with the street railway company.

Freida, the six-year-old daughter of Ernest and Anna Seidel, died at the home of her parents on Friend street, Renfrew, Monday afternoon of croup. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Zahner officiating.

The Workingmen's club will hold a social and dance at Koehler's hall on Summer street Friday evening.

Louis Dubray was called to Holyoke, Monday by the dangerous illness of his brother.

Mrs. Philip Murphy is in a critical condition.

L. Brown Renfrew has returned to New York after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Renfrew.

Martin Shields went to Fairfield Monday to visit his brothers, James and Patrick Shields.

Arthur E. Green is on the sick-list and George E. Simmons is in his place in the B. & A. freight office. William Boynton is supplying Mr. Simmons as baggage-master.

Doll's orchestra will hold a concert and ball at Hermann hall on Spring street this evening.

The First National bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., free of taxes and payable on demand.

CHESHIRE.

The residence on Church street known as the Steven Harkness place and owned by Thomas Cranall, now of Whitesboro, N. Y., has been bought by Mortimer L. Curtis of this place.

The six months child of Edward Brancey was buried at Stepentown, N. Y., Sunday.

Fred Farrar has shown some fine sketching that shows Cheshire to be possessed of a goodly number of artists.

Willie Martin and his mother returned to their home at Petersham, today.

The vacancy in the board of selectmen, made by the death of G. W. Fisher, will probably not need to be filled, as there is but a short time before a new election and the town business is moving with the usual regularity. J. G. Northup and David Cole, the two selectmen on the board are harmonious workers.

The lumber and lime men are anxious for snow, to better operate their business.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

J. Albert Ranshouse, a young business man of Newark, N. J., is spending a short vacation with his father, Augustus Ranshouse.

J. A. Eldridge, Jr., has returned from Boston.

The new patent Wellbach gas burner is being placed on all jets in Goodrich hall. Many times the old lights would go out for a while and were very poor always.

Mrs. John Poland is very ill with tonsillitis.

Miss Barber of Dalton is visiting at L. E. Beebe's.

Hugh Caine has gone to Keene, N. H., to work in a broom factory.

Thomas J. McMahon is to begin work for P. W. Eaton & Co. January 1.

Several of our young men went to North Adams Monday evening to see the play, "Capt. Kate."

A large number of persons met at Dr. Bascom's Monday evening and the play, "A Good Natured Man" by Oliver Goldsmith was read. Ice cream was served.

The collars of all houses at foot of Water street hill are flooded. A great vent hole across the road in front of Mrs. John Welch's blacksmith shop. There is much danger to horses in crossing the unsettled ground. The wisdom of placing the large cylinder above the old cylinder is plain this morning. It will be remembered the selectmen were criticised for making such thorough improvement on this bill on account of the cost. It will be money well saved to the town. Under the old conditions, this hill would cost the town hundreds of dollars to repair.

The first electric car reached the end of the route at 8.20. Men were obliged to shovel dirt from the tracks nearly the whole distance.

For china, glass tin ware go to A. W. Hunt, No. 20 Spring St., new 10 cent store.

BRAYTONVILLE.

The regular Sunday school lesson was omitted at the chapel Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Brown of the Methodist church was present and made some very interesting remarks.

Some of the neighbors were visited last week by a fair who was selling silver polish. Before leaving each house he would inquire if he couldn't sell them a pair of spectacles which he claimed to have found. This same story was told in every house he visited. He succeeded in selling quite a few pairs.

Mrs. Julius Bates of Richview avenue who has been spending a few days with her parents at Briggsville, has returned.

Miss Mary Danforth of Williamstown, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Danforth.

A New Year's eve masquerade ball will be given in Rich's hall this evening. Refreshments will be served at Mrs. William Garlick's. Admission fifty cents.

Edward Amadon while using a sheep shears in the wool sorting room yesterday accidentally cut the top of his finger quite severely.

Edna Bouchard, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is able to be about again.

Miss Lottie Vosberg and friend of Pittsfield are visiting Robert Vosberg.

BLACKINTON.

Miss Frances Galvin who has been under the doctor's care for the past week is rapidly recovering, much to the gratification of her many friends.

Mrs. Charles McCarthy who has been visiting her mother, returned Monday evening to her home in Boston.

The Y.M.C.A. society will hold a social in the school hall Saturday evening, and will attend church in a body Sunday in honor of their first anniversary.

Philander Howland will leave town this evening on an extended visit to western New York and Pennsylvania. He expects to be gone about three months.

The heavy rains of last night did a great deal of damage in this village, especially on Leonard street where the Leonard brook overflowed its banks and washed out the street to a depth of three feet. A great deal of dirt was washed on to the Electric track causing considerable delay to early morning travel.

A social will be held tonight in Father Mathew hall after the play of "Captain Jack." Music for the play and social will be furnished by the Ideal orchestra. The drama is said to be a very good one and the cast is exceptionally strong.

STAMFORD.

The Stamford public library will be opened for the drawing and exchange of books on Friday of each week, commencing Friday, January 3, from 4 to 5 o'clock p. m. The library contains ninety-four volumes and there are several townsmen who will add to this number soon from their private libraries, and should the ladies of the circulating library vote to donate all or part of their books to the town this spring, it is hoped the library will keep pace with the demand. The teachers have kindly consented to act as librarians for the remainder of this term of school. There is a very fine selection of books suitable for all ages. It will be largely patronized if choice books are on hand.

The sewing society of the Baptist church will meet at Charles Richmond's, Clarksburg, next Friday evening.

Miss Grace Bryant of North Adams is visiting at Silas Blood's.

Wm. M. Sanford, who has been sick with pleurisy, is able to be out.

Writings are being drawn transferring the Bliss property to P. Morrissey, and from him to Fred Harris.

Archib Hindley of North Adams is spending a few days with Henry Seeger.

A. H. Falter dehorned his herd of eighteen cows last Monday.

Lewis Harris is driving team for John Tudor.

The Ladies' Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church met at Obed Hall's Thursday afternoon. Subject, "Italy."

New Year's ball at the town hall tonight.

R. J. Sanford and wife will receive their friends on New Year's eve, from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. Invitations have been out two or three days.

POWNA.

Charles McBride had a postponed Christmas gift yesterday in the shape of a baby girl. As all the rest of the family are boys, the new arrival is the more warmly welcomed.

The Sunday school concert at the Baptist church Sunday evening was well attended and an excellent program was rendered. A missionary collection was taken.

Pownal people will be given ample opportunity to dance the "light fantastic" New Year's eve. Under the auspices of Sumner's orchestra a dance will be held in Academy hall, and Joseph Barbo will give a dance in Parker hall.

With commendable enterprise the Towles Bros. have purchased a new steam engine to use in their thrashing business. The new engine is a fine one made by the Westinghouse people.

The Fitchburg railroad surveyors were here yesterday making preliminary surveys preparatory to putting in new pipe. More locomotives take water here than at any other tank on the road and the capacity of the tank has been found to be insufficient. The railroad company will probably put in a much larger tank and also larger pipe.

Five o'clock teas are all the go, the fad having been taken up by our leading young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clark are expected home soon.

There was a dance in Parker hall Saturday evening under the management of Fred Smith, W. C. Sumner and J. Richard, Jr. A fair sized company was present.

A Providence Failure.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 31.—The H. W. Ladd company, one of the largest dry goods firms in Providence, and of which ex-Governor Ladd is the head, assigned yesterday afternoon. Assets, \$254,610.73; liabilities, \$227,889.81. The assignment was caused by business complications with the Burrows estate. It is believed the company will continue in business.

Children Will Contribute.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The "America" Memorial Monument association yesterday put into shape for public presentation the movement for a national monument to Dr. S. F. Smith, author of "America." The site of the monument will be in Boston or Washington. The children of American schools will be asked to contribute.

Many Relatives Left Out.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 31.—A contest over the will of the late Judge Eli Ayresworth has begun here. Over \$200,000 is involved, and no less than six different attempts to break the will will be made. Many of the judge's relatives were not remembered in the will. At the time of his death he was over 90 years of age.

Saw For a Weapon.

FREETOWN, Me., Dec. 31.—A dispute arose here yesterday between George B. Dow and Henry Bacon, and Bacon made a murderous assault on Dow with a cross-cut saw, inflicting several ugly wounds. Bacon has been arrested.

Down With Typhoid.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The young Duchess of Marlborough is very sick in Rome with typhoid fever, a private letter received from there announced. The fever was contracted while she was in Spain.

May Wriggle Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The supreme court has granted a new trial in the case of ex-Police Captain John T. Stephenson, convicted of accepting bribes and sentenced to three years and nine months' imprisonment and a fine of \$1000.

But Two Rivals.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The report of Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor Horace G. Wallin shows that Massachusetts capital in industrial enterprises is exceeded in but two other states, namely, New York and Pennsylvania.

Brotherly Love.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Chronicle, in the course of a complimentary editorial, sends a New Year greeting and good wishes to America and President Cleveland.

HINTS FOR THE SICKROOM.

Suggestions That Amateur Nurses Could Follow to the Invalid's Comfort.

The light in a sickroom should be tempered to suit the weakened condition of the patient's eyes. Dark green roller shades, which can be raised and lowered at will, are the best window curtains. A tall screen should be placed at the foot of the bed so as to shut out the light and also the breeze.

If it is possible to have the floor of the sickroom uncarpeted, much trouble in disinfecting may be spared. The floor should, however, be provided with a few thick rugs or mats, in order that the feet of the nurse may not be made very cold. If the disease is of an infectious nature, the mats may be made of old pieces of carpet double. The subsequent destruction of these will not cause the thrifty housewife so much grief as that of more expensive rugs.

No nurse who has the slightest regard for the patient's comfort or well being will permit an unsightly array of medicine bottles, glasses and spoons to be on constant exhibition before him. It is an excellent plan to have a small medicine closet fastened to the wall and to have its contents exhibited when necessary.

One of the most important arts taught the trained nurse is that of bedmaking. Unless the under sheet is drawn tight and smooth the patient suffers. Bedding should be changed daily. If the invalid is able to be moved, bedmaking is easy, but when he is confined to the bed it is more difficult. The sheet should be drawn from under him and the fresh one, folded, be firmly tucked in one side. The patient should then be moved to that side of the bed and the sheet drawn over.

The nurse's gown should be of gingham or of white linen, and it should be changed daily. It should not come in contact with the floor, and it should be washed and changed. Her shoes should be homelike and comfortable.—Philadelphia Times.

Plants Thrive on a Meat Diet.

It has been proved time and again that the so-called "carnival plants," of which the Venus flytrap is the type, are much more healthy when allowed their regular insect food than they are when reared under nothing or in any other manner which excludes them from their regular meat diet. The above is an oddity of itself, especially when we consider the fact that there is a certain school of botanists which teaches carnal plants make no use whatever of the insect prey captured by them, but it is nothing compared with the head assertion made by Francis Darwin. That noted scientific gentleman bravely meets the "vegetarian botanists" with the assertion that all kinds and classes of plants, whether known as "meat eaters" or not, bear more and heavier fruits and seeds when fed on meat than those that are not allowed a flesh diet. He gives two lists, comparing various varieties of the different common plants. One lot was regularly fed (through their roots, of course), with pure juices compressed from meat, the other with water and the various fertilizers. The final figures on this odd experiment proved that the plants which were fed on meat produced 165 fruits of the different kinds, while the unfed plants of the same number and original condition bore but 74; also that the pampered plants bore 240 seeds to every 100 borne by the plants that were not given a chance to gratify their carnivorous tastes. This is certainly a discovery worthy of much careful study and extensive experiment.—St. Louis Republic.

The pilans, a head covering in use among both Greeks and Romans, was a close fitting woollen cap worn under the helmet, and, on the march, kept on the head, while the helmet was removed and slung to the girdle.

When first prepared, the "bodies" of felt hats are much larger than they should be; they are reduced by sizing them with glue and a curious method of manipulation by which their dimensions are reduced over one-third.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Luc raton, jackets are made slightly longer than they have been shaped thus far this season, and they fit smoothly over the front and hips, with no "ripple" in the back, but only a graceful fullness—just enough to allow the coat skirt to fall easily over the dress skirt.—New York Post.

The tendering of sole is the sole part of that dish that is choice eating. Tough game or fowl can be boiled down and rubbed up into an excellent soup. We may soon look to see bread disposed as life's stuff at the rate old standbys are being thrown down.—Hotel Mail.

The fuss made by a Minnesota man who found a fragment of a horse collar in a railroad sandwich seems wholly unjustified. Even at the present depreciation in prices he could not expect a whole horse for 10 cents.—Grand Rapids Press.

TROOPS ARE MARCHING

But, It Is Believed, With Their Backs Toward the Insurgents.

Reports of Spanish Victories Are Discredited.

"Official" Reports Continue to Record the Winning of Many Battles.

HABANA, Dec. 31.—In spite of official reports the belief is maintained here that the Spanish forces have again sustained a serious reverse, and that instead of the insurgents being repulsed and routed, the Spaniards are retreating before their advance.

There are manifestations of grave uneasiness in official circles, and the belief is prevalent that the insurgents intend another extensive incursion into Matanzas province and westward toward Habana.

Word has just been received that General Valdez overtook the insurgent bands of Gomez and Maceo at the Maria plantation, where they were found stationed in an advantageous position. The engagement which followed was evidently a hot one, the insurgent cavalry making vigorous attacks upon the flanks of the Spanish forces. The artillery fire of the Spaniards proved effective, and the official report which is now received, says that the insurgents took flight in two directions, having been driven by the assault upon them. They lost seven killed and many arms, and carried away many wounded.

It is reported that the Spanish forces went in pursuit of the flying insurgents and overtook them at the Caney plantation. Here the enemy made a vigorous resistance for an hour, but were finally compelled to retreat, leaving eight killed and carrying away their wounded. The troops, it is said, lost 27 wounded.

It is further reported that an engagement is now in progress at a point between the villages of Perico, Cuevitas and Jovellanos, between General Valdez and the insurgents. Cuevitas, Perico and Jovellanos are all to the west and northwest of Colon, and are from 12 to 20 miles near the city of Matanzas and that much more remote from the border of Santa Clara than is the village of Calime, at which point the Spaniards were said to have first engaged Gomez Sunday evening.

News has been received of movements by the insurgents which would indicate that their forces still overrun pretty much the whole of the Province of Matanzas, and they seem to have an uninterrupted line of communication clear across the province and into the southern part of Santa Clara to the eastward of the city of Cienfuegos. They have burned the village of Gavilan, in the Cienfuegos district, southeast of Cienfuegos and near the coast.

Besides the serious fighting believed to have occurred near Calime, there is a force of insurgents reported to number 2000 moving in the neighborhood of Camaricao, a town only about 15 miles from the city of Matanzas and north of a line between Matanzas and Cardenas and very near the coast.

The stations at Caobas and Cabanas, which are in the immediate neighborhood of Matanzas and to the south, have been burned, as well as the cannibal of the Joaquin plantation. The stores in the village of Pedros, near to Macuriles (General Fahn), have also been burned. Camaricao is the farthest point north at which the insurgents have been reported, and Caobas is almost on the line of the province of Habana.

No further reports can be had of the engagement near Calime, as telegraphic communication is still much interrupted. It is believed that the operations that are being conducted by the insurgents in Matanzas are much more extensive than anything yet reported would indicate.

No Coal Necessary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Steamer Turbay sailed from Philadelphia Monday yesterday with a cargo of 20 oil-burning locomotives, built by the Baldwin Locomotive works for the Russian government. The engines weigh 97 tons each, and are built with special fire-boxes for burning petroleum instead of oil. They are designed for both freight and passenger service on the Trans-Caspian railroad. Another cargo of the same number of engines will be shipped in January.

Away Down.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The treasury yesterday lost \$714,800 in gold by redemptions, leaving the true amount of the reserve \$93,127,500.

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12.05 p. m., Boston, New York, Pittsfield and Southern Mass. via New Hampshire and Way Stations on Fitchburg R. R., 1.30, Florida, Mass., Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays, 2.35, Pittsfield, 4.45, New York, Southern and Western States, 5.00, Pittsfield, Worcester, Springfield, Holyoke, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Southern Mass., 7.10, Williamstown, Williamstown Station and Blackinton, 8.05, Boston, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Way Mail via Fitchburg R. R., 9.15, Boston & Albany R. R., Way Stations west of Pittsfield, 11.45, Boston.

MAILS CLOSE.

5 a. m., Boston, Pittsfield, Adams, New York, Albany and Southern Mass., 6.40, New York, Albany, Troy, Williamstown, Williamstown Station, Blackinton, Southern and Western States, 9.15, New York, Albany and all points West and South via Boston & Albany R. R., 9.55, Boston, Canada, Readsboro, and all points East via Fitchburg R. R., 11.20, Boston, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, 11.30, Pittsfield, Adams, Connecticut and Southern Mass., 11.45, New York and all points West and South.

1.30 p. m., Briggsville, Mass., Stamford, Hartwellville and Readsboro, Vt., Florida, Mass., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2.45, New York City, Southern States, Worcester, Springfield, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Eastern and Southern Mass., 4.25, Boston and East via Fitchburg R. R., 4.40, Troy, and all points West and South, 7.45, Boston, New York City and all points East, West, North and South, reaches New York at 7 a. m., 11.15, Boston and East, New York and West and South.

SUNDAY.—7 p. m., New York, Boston, Maine, New Hampshire, and all points West and South. CANADIAN MAILS close at 11.55 a. m., 7.45 p. m., daily except Sundays; Sundays close at 7 p. m.

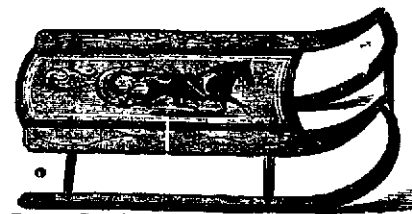
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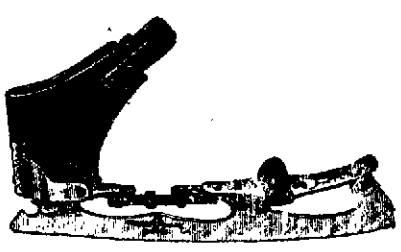
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